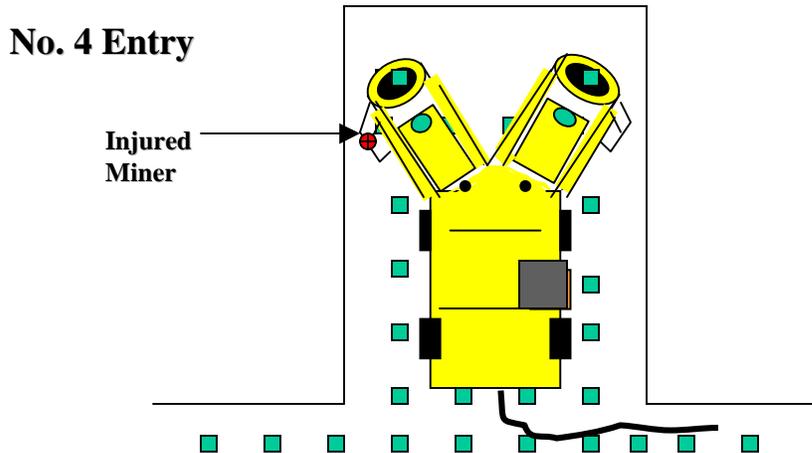




SAFETY ALERT BULLETIN



On Friday morning, April 30, 2004, at 12:30 A.M., a roof bolter operator was seriously injured while he was installing roof bolts with a dual boom Lee-Noris roof bolter. The control block fast feed was stuck in on the left side of the drill and blocked in on the right side, causing the roof drill operation to function at a higher rate of speed than normal. The fast feed control lever was missing and the boom control lever as well as the rotation control lever were bent toward each other allowing one handed operation. The roof bolter operator had already pushed glue and a bolt into the drill hole, when the 36" bolt wrench which was still in his left hand, caught on the drill boom as he lowered it. This pushed the wrench into his left groin area creating a 3" long by 4" deep laceration, causing considerable blood loss and pelvic injuries.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Never operate equipment faster than your skill or a safe operating speed allows.
- Any safety or operational defect in equipment should be repaired immediately.
- Manufacturer's design of equipment should not be bypassed or altered changing the original function of the controls or operation of the equipment.
- Proper hydraulic pressures should be maintained on the equipment according to the manufacturer specifications.

ACCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM